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SUBJ: USLO CHIEF'S CALL ON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON SEPT 6 ON LIU HUA-CHING, A "RESPONSIBLE PERSON" OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, I MENTIONED THE NUMEROUS RECENT VISITS OF CHINESE-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS (E.G., YANG CHEN-NING AND TING CHUN-CHUNG)
TO THE PRC AND EXPRESSED MY PLEASURE AT THE HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED. INCLUDING RECEPTION BY
CHAIRMAN HUA AND VICE PREMIER TENG. LIU REPLIED
ONLY INDIRECTLY, SAYING THAT CHINA IS INTERESTED IN EXCHANGES WITH "FRIENDLY SCIENTISTS" FROM THE U.S.
WHO COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CHINA'S SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION.

2. LIU WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ITS WORK AND THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THEY COULD MAKE TO CHINESE ECONOMY NOW THAT THE GANG OF FOUR IS OVERTHROWN. (MEMCON FOLLOWS). WOODCOCK

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